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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

First Named Inventor: KANIE, HIDEKI Art Unit: 3677
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For: DEVICE FOR MOUNTING A COMPONENT
SUCH AS A PIPE ON A STUD

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Although the allowance of the claims is supported by the presence of limitations in the independent claims, which are not found in the prior art references, as stated in the Reasons, some of the specific reasons and/or limitations set forth in the Reasons do not precisely track independent Claims 3 and 6. For example, Claim 6 recites that the pawl has only a single thread engaging section at one side of the pawl (not a single pair of thread engaging sections), and recites that the pawl has only a single groove (not a single pair of grooves). Claim 3 recites engaging sections being formed at an end of the thick section,

one or another of the engaging sections being disposed for entering a space between crests of threads of a stud depending on a direction of insertion of the stud in the bore (not the pair of thread engaging sections being formed at opposite sides of the thick section at a tip end of the thick section). Nevertheless, the claims are clearly allowable for reasons of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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